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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a August 30, 2007 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due for the above-identified application. The issue fee, due on November 30, 2007, has not been paid yet.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents and English-language Abstracts attached thereto are enclosed. English-language translations are also enclosed for JP 04-024885 and JP 11-085457.

The cited documents were listed in a July 13, 2007 official communication from the Japanese Patent Office concerning a counterpart application. A copy of the official communication is included.

U.S. Patent No. 6,035,061 is the counterpart of JP 09-134406. U.S. Patent No. 7,099,507 is the counterpart of JP 2000-148788, and U.S. Patent No. 5,227,894 is the counterpart of JP 04-16055.

Also please note that U.S. Patent No. 5,146,350, which is listed on the Japanese Office Action as a counterpart of JP 04-016055, is not listed on the form PTO-1449 because the application was withdrawn from issue and is, therefore, not available.

FORMAL MATTERS

The fee in the amount of \$180.00 for filing this Information Disclosure Statement is being paid electronically. Any deficiency in this fee should be charged, and any overpayment should be credited, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this information disclosure statement.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above information and to return a signed and initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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